

Pastor's Report
February 12, 2008

1. Pr. Dan Bruensbach's celebrates 50 years of ordained ministry in 2008. We have set aside May 18th to recognize this milestone. Parish Life is considering hosting an all Church Picnic at noon and to recognize Parish Education Teachers from FLC.
2. We are looking for the best way to recognize Pr. Bruensbach's 50 years of ministry with a special gift.
3. At this time, we will not be hosting the opening worship for the synod assembly this year. Yet, we are still looking for delegates for the Assembly here in Tulsa on April 17-19, 2008.
4. As far as activities for the month of January and February here is just a recap:
 - a. We held two new member classes and received in 4 new member families last Sunday.
 - b. Two funerals for members this last month and related visits and planning sessions with the families.
 - c. Four children were baptized into the Christian faith. Most were willing. ☺
 - d. Sent the Construction team off to Guyana.
 - e. Annual Meeting and Ministry Team /council member installations
 - f. Pre-Cana Class and individual meetings with couples planning weddings.
 - g. Stewardship Emphasis in January
 - h. Hosted local clergy for Scripture study.
 - i. Met with Asst. to Bishop and Keith Mundy – over ELCA stewardship.
 - j. Supported Alpha starting a new class
 - k. A variety of pastoral meetings with membership.
 - l. Hospital visits
 - m. Other opportunities to minister and share.
5. The season of Lent has started and the theme is: ***The Easter Bunny... Exposed!*** Jennifer, our Student Minister and the confirmation students are assisting with this, since this is growing out of their question: "What does the Easter Bunny have to do with Easter?" How do we glean the "Gospel Truth" from the "contemporary practices of Easter?" To go back, if you will, and seek to discover the Christian story buried in some very unlikely practices and places. I pray that it will be as meaningful to you as it has been for me to prepare.
6. Dr. Judith Mayton would like to conduct a survey of the women at Fellowship. This is a follow up to the surveys done last year and will focus on developing a needs assessment for ministry to women.